NOVEMBER 2022

Queen City of the Platte

City News

Holiday Facility Closures
Evans is Hiring
Four New Playgrounds for Evans
Drug-Take-Back Day a Success
Halloween Photos
Fall Colors Come to Town
Citizens Police Academy
Santa Cops Ride Again

All Aboard

Attend a City Council Meeting 23rd Avenue Lane Closures Road Tax Report Card Meet Evans' New City Manager State of the City Address Multicultural Services Available

Evans Recreation

Holiday Lighting Ceremony Extreme Basketball Tai Chi Chih Adult Fitness Classes Recreation Center Hours Holiday Closures Announced

Evans Senior Center

Friendly Fork Senior Nutrition Active Adult Fitness

City of Evans

Contact Numbers City Schedule

Sims selected as new City Manager



City Council picks Cody Sims to lead the City of Evans. Find out more about his background inside!

See what's happening around town in this issue of the Evans Express





Holiday Closures in November

The City of Evans government facilities will be **CLOSED** on the following dates in November:

- Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving

Residents are encouraged to download the Evans Express App to reports issues such as water outages or water main breaks during the holidays. Our on-call staff will be notified and will respond to the problem. Android users can download the Evans Express App in the Google Play store. iPhone users can find it on Apple iTunes. The Evans Express App is a versatile communication tool for residents that allows them to report a problem, request services, and contact the city. Electrical outages should be directed to XCEL Energy by visiting their website or calling 800-895-2999. To stay up to date on city news, follow us on one of our multiple social outlets: https://linktr.ee/cityofevans.



The city is looking for someone like you

Are you looking for a career with stability, upward mobility, and an ability to positively impact your community?

If you answered yes, you may be a great fit for the City of Evans. We're a thriving community, nestled less than an hour from the iconic Rocky Mountains. We have great food, culture, entertainment, and outdoor activities that only Colorful Colorado can provide.

The City of Evans is a great place to work and live for any lifestyle and we're hiring for multiple positions to accommodate the growth of the community and to serve our residents. Take a look at our open positions and find your fit today!

Appy here >

www.evanscolorado.gov/hr/jobs

Public participation renders new playground equipment

You voted, and we acted.

If you were strolling through an Evans neighborhood near Prairie View, Pioneer, Vineyard, or Ridge Park in the summer, you may have noticed a sign that read: "New playgrounds coming this fall." The signs also adorned a QR code that directed residents to a survey seeking public opinion on new playground designs at those parks. After nearly 200 responses to the survey, the parks will receive brand-new playground equipment before the new year.

RIDGE PARK

The new playground equipment prioritizes safety by utilizing modern fall protection materials. A Poured in Place system (PIP) was installed around the equipment and Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) is also placed outside of the fall zones to save on materials cost.

Timing is everything. Old age and the availability of replacement parts were motivating factors to replacing the equipment. The project was put up for bid and six different companies submitted proposals. Altitude Recreation's proposal scored the highest because they provided 3 different play options for each site. According to the City Council's staff report, "they took a thoughtful approach to how they incorporated the use of poured in place rubber and engineered wood fiber to reduce surfacing costs and provide more play amenities."

Construction began in mid-September, and weather permitting all four parks should be completed in 2022. Renderings and descriptions of each park are listed below:



Pioneer Park - This new playground features a 2-5 play structure and a 5-12 play structure with several climbing pods, a merry go all, and an arched climbing structure.



Vineyard Park - This new playground features a 5-12 structure, 2 slides, several unique climbers, and swings which were requested by more than 70% of the survey respondents



Prairie View Park - The new playground will feature a 2-5 play structure and a 5-12 play structure with the 5-12 structure reaching heights of 20 feet and a geodesic rope climber over 8 feet tall.



Ridge Park - will receive a refresh consisting of 4 new standalone play amenities combined with the existing 5-12 play structure and swings. The new play amenities feature a sensory dome climber, a traverse climbing wall, merry go all and a sensory wave seat. The decision to not completely replace the play structure and swings at Ridge Park was done to allow for a more complex and impressive structure at Prairie View Park, which is one of our larger regional parks and draws many visitors from outside the neighborhood and daycares since it also has restroom facilities.

The numbers are in on Drug-Take-Back Day

The Evans Police and Fire Departments teamed up for the fall edition of Drug-Take-Back Day. The bi-annual event, held in the spring and fall, gives residents the opportunity to properly dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. Shredding was also available for residents to securely dispose of sensitive documents and prevent identity theft. The event was free and open to the public. It was held from 10am-2pm in the parking lot of Sam's Club in Evans.



316 lbs
of DRUGS COLLECTED
11 hans

11 bags
OF DRUGS COLLECTED

3,978 lbs









Inquiries? Contact Officer Teresa McClatchey:





TRICK-OR-TREAT

Halloween celebration draws more than 600 Trick-or-Treaters to the Evans Community Complex



















Inquiries? Contact Officer Teresa McClatchey:

tmcclatchey@evanscolorado.gov

Phone: 970-590-1504

October turns up gold in Evans

While many Coloradoans were heading to the high country to get a glimpse of gold, the City of Evans put on a dazzling display in Weld County. The pictures were taken during the third week of October. From the east side to west, neighborhoods and parks in Evans were treated to burst of autumn foliage.











Citizens Police Academy concludes fiery October session





October's **Citizens Police Academy** began with a zap and ended with a bang, with the students learning about tasers, going to the firing range, and getting hands on experience with pepper balls. Alumni of the Citizens Police Academy regularly refer to the taser session as one of the most memorable classes in the course—particularly the ones who volunteer to be tased.

"It's worth the ride lol, go for it," former Citizens Police Academy participant Ash Perez said on Facebook.

Once the shock of the tasings wore off, the class shifted to the gun range for firearms safety training. Cadets learned that respect and knowledge are two essential elements of firearms safety. They received hands-on instruction from experts in gun safety and took target practice in a safe, controlled environment.

Another Facebook user, Grady Nicholson, commented on the pictures from this class, saying: "Awesome that you guys are taking the time to educate the public on so many parts of LE (law enforcement)".

Following the firearms session, the Weld County SWAT entertained the class with a lesson in less lethal force—specifically pepper balls. Two Evans Police Officers are member of the Weld County SWAT team, which is comprised of officers from multiple agencies throughout the county. Participants enjoyed the demonstration and learned valuable information about regional law enforcement efforts.

"This was so much fun! Happy to be a part of it," Class participant Jennie Lytle said.

Follow the class each week on our social media channels: https://linktr.ee/cityofevans.

Contact: Officer Teresa McClatchey at 970-590-1504 or email at evanscolorado.gov.

tmcclatchey@



"This was so much fun! Happy to be a part of it"

Jennie Lytle





Santa Cops Are Coming To Town

When Santa makes his annual trek through the City of Evans on Christmas morning, he might be wearing a badge and his sleigh may have emergency lights on top. That's because Santa's teaming up with the Evans Police Department to provide gifts to kids in need this holiday season. The program is called Santa Cops and it's an annual tradition for the Evans Police Department.

Here's how it works:

The Evans Police Department has selected several families in the City of Evans who cannot afford Christmas gifts this holiday season and anyone in the community may donate gifts to children of those families. Community members that wish to donate may visit the Evans Police Department located at 1100 37th Street Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Look for the donation box located outside the front desk of the Evans Police Department and simply drop your new and unwrapped gifts inside. Financial donations will also be accepted, and a donation receipt will be provided.

Community members may donate until Christmas Day. For more information, please contact Officer Teresa McClatchey at 970-590-1504 tmcclatchey@ evanscolorado.gov.







Don't be APART from the solution, Be A PART of the solution

Join the discussion and attend an **Evans City Council** meeting. Do you have a suggestion? A question? A solution? Your Council is here to represent you.

The Evans City Council meets every other Tuesday. Work sessions begin at 6pm followed by the regular meeting at 7pm. Sessions are open to the public, but make sure to check the calendar on the City of Evans website for the exact dates.

Can't attend in-person? No problem! Council sessions are live streamed and archived on the city's YouTube Channel. Just search for Evans, Colorado on YouTube.



23rd Avenue Lane closure in November



Residents and commuters should anticipate lane closures in the northbound lane of **23rd Avenue from 37th to 42nd Street** from November 1st through 16th while the city repaves the northbound lanes. Residents should be aware that weather and supply delays are possible, and we thank you for your patience. At the completion of the project, this portion of 23rd Avenue (from 37th to 42nd Street) will be a four-lane arterial. Traffic will remain open in the southbound lane and traffic control will assist those looking to enter and exit the Mission Village housing development.

About The 23rd Avenue Widening Project

In 2020, Evans completed the construction of the western half of the 23rd Avenue roadway from 37th Street to 42nd Street in conjunction with the development of Mission Village apartments and Mission Homestead (a Habitat for Humanity project). In 2022, together with assistance from Weld County, Evans will complete the design and construction of the eastern half of the roadway to create a 4-lane arterial road with 10-ft sidewalks on each side.

The new roadway provides one more access into and out of the Willowbrook Subdivison to the main east-west arterial roads (37th and 42nd Streets). This helps reduce some delays onto the east-west arterials at 29th Street. The proposed 4-lane arterial road is planned to handle additional traffic as Evans grows. This widened access will improve the overall flow north and south in Evans from the City limits to 42nd Street. Traffic signal improvements are planned for the 37th Street intersection. Post construction traffic evaluation in the 42nd Street intersection may lead to a traffic signal at this location in the future. Additional streetlights will also be installed along the corridor. The design will allow for a future extension of Quay Street to the east.

Inquiries should be directed to City Engineer Mark Oberschmidt at (970) 475-1110,

moberschmidt@evanscolorado.gov

WORD ON THE STREETS | Road Tax Report Card



Progress is palpable on the city's streets. Drivers can feel a smoother ride and see a better road. Since Evans's voters approved a 1% sales tax to be used exclusively for street maintenance and repair in April of 2020, the City of Evans has made substantial progress, with more than 40 infrastructure projects completed, in-progress, or in design.

Highlights of the progress:

- 37th Street Resurfacing
- Newly constructed arterial at 23rd Avenue from 37th Street to Prairie View Drive
- 35th Avenue Resurfacing
- 47th Avenue Widening
- Resurfacing and infrastructure improvements at Idaho Street

Eye on the future

In 2023, the city plans to break ground on Phase I of the 37th Street Widening project from Sienna Avenue to 47th Street. The city's first roundabout will also be constructed at the intersection of 47th Avenue and 37th Street.

City Staff presented a Road Tax Report to City Council on October 4, 2022, that described the work that has been



completed using the 1% tax, as well as planned projects that will utilize the tax. Residents can view that report by scanning the OR code.

The City of Evans is proud of the progress we're making to improve roads city-wide, but we have much more work to do. The tax sunsets on June 30th, 2027.







City of Evans selects Cody Sims as its next City Manager

Following a national search that included nearly 100 applicants, the Evans City Council has selected Cody Sims as its next City Manager. Sims is expected to begin work in early 2023. His hire is pending a detailed background investigation and acceptance of contractual terms outlined by the City of Evans.

"Mr. Sims is a forward-thinker who has our resident's best interest in mind.

He has done great things everywhere he's been and we believe he will do great things for the City of Evans."

"We are thrilled to have someone with Cody's experience and vision to lead our City," Evans Mayor Mark Clark said. "Mr. Sims is a forward-thinker who has our resident's best interest in mind. He has done great things everywhere he's been and we believe he will do great things for the City of Evans."



CODY SIMS - CITY MANAGER

Sims' experience in local government runs deep. He comes to the City of Evans from Augusta, Kansas, where he's served as the Assistant City Manager since 2014. Prior to his time in Augusta, he served as the Director of Economic Development and Interim Director of Engineering for the City of Wellington, Kansas for nearly three years. He also served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Bel Aire, Kansas.

Sims made his support for First Responders a priority during the interview process. His first exposure to public service came when he served as a volunteer firefighter for more than six years for the Sumner County Fire District and a reserve police officer for two years. Sims also brings a deep understanding of the private sector, having worked in Aerospace Engineering for twelve years for The Boeing Company, Spirit AeroSystems, and Airbus as a mechanical systems designer.

Sims is no stranger to the region. He was born in Wheatland, Wyoming and has family in nearby Loveland, Colorado. He has been married to his wife Ashlee for 15 years and they have three children together. For more information or inquiries, please contact Lsnow@evanscolorado.gov and follow the City of Evans on its multiple social media outlets.





Mayor Clark takes center stage in the State of the City Address

In front of a crowd of nearly 100 residents, business owners, and stakeholders, newly appointed City of Evans Mayor Mark Clark hosted the 2022 State of the City address on October 13th, 2022 at the Riverside Library in Evans.



"I think this is a great event. It actually brings out the community. It brings out business leaders, economic developers, and they can just kind of get a feel for our city and where we're at and what direction we're heading," Clark said following the event. "This is a great opportunity to showcase our city and all the great things we have going on."

Clark was appointed the Mayor of Evans in April of 2022 after former Mayor Brian Rudy's term expired. In his new role as the City's Mayor, Clark outlined his vision for the community and welcomed department leaders from Economic Development, Engineering, Police, and Community Development to share the exciting new plans and accomplishments happening in the city.

MAYOR MARK CLARK

"We talked about our budget and how well we utilize it and spend our money. We talked about the exciting development that we have going on such as Quicktrip, the awesome developments along the 85 corridor as well as the new housing projects that we have in development. And of course, it goes without saying that we care about our Police Department. We care about our citizens as we're looking forward to building a new police station."

Since 2019, the City of Evans has witnessed substantial improvement in infrastructure and community growth. The city passed a 1% sales tax for street maintenance and repair in 2019, and since that time, more than 40 infrastructure projects have been completed, in progress, or in design. The city's Master Plan has paved the way for future housing developments and economic vitality, and our Police Department is poised to construct its own state-of-the-art Law Enforcement complex in the near future.

"No doubt, we're embracing growth and the excitement that comes with it," Clark said. "We have great leadership in place and we're moving forward every day, looking to keep Evans a vibrant, diverse, and dynamic place to live."



"The State of the City address is a great reflection of our residents' interest in their community," Evans Communications Manager Lance Snow said. "We hear so many great ideas from them and they're always interested in bettering their community. This event lets them see the progress and hear from the leaders they've elected."

The event is free and open to the public and no RSVP is needed. Breakfast and coffee will be provided free of charge. To stay up to date on everything happening in the City of Evans, follow us on our multiple social media outlets: https://linktr.ee/cityofevans.

Questions, comments, or concerns, please email: info@evanscolorado.gov or call 970-475-1170.

"There's a buzz in the City of Evans," Clark said. "We have brand name businesses making their home in Evans and we're poised for tremendous growth. Our streets are improving, and our Master Plan is taking shape, so there's a lot to be excited about."



Multicultural Services Provided by Library District

The **High Plains Library District** has a small lending library located at the **Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado**, 3001 8th Ave Suite 170, Evans. The collection contains a limited number of materials but caters to a multitude of various languages and cultures. The lending library is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:000–1:30PM. Come visit us and check-out some amazing stories in English, Spanish, Somali, and other various languages. We also provide some unique services at this location such as citizenship classes, voting classes, children's storytimes, and book-a-librarian assistance. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these offerings, please contact our Virtual Library for more information (1-888-861-READ). While this location is small, we are committed to providing the same quality access and friendly services as our main branches.

Citizenship Classes:

Fall Classes August 16 - December 15

In-Person

Advanced: Tuesday 8:30am-10:30am

Beginners: Thursday 8:30am-10:30am Tuesday: 11:00am-1:00pm

Beginners: Tuesday 5:30pm-8:00pm

Online

Advanced Online: Thursday 5:30pm-8:00pm

Students need to register at the Immigrant and Refugee Center. To attend class or for more information please call or visit the Immigrant and Refugee Center: 970-352-7323, 3001 8th Ave Suite 170, or visit online: www.ircnoco.org



Striving for excellence through innovation and positive experiences



Santa to visit the Evans Recreation Center

Evans Recreation

1100 37th Street Evans, CO 80620

970-475-1125

www.evanscolorado.gov/recreation recreation@evanscolorado.gov Extreme Basketball
Tai Chi Chih
Adult Fitness Classes
Rec Center Hours
Holiday Hours





Extreme Basketball

3rd-6th Grade Boys and Girls

Registration Dates: Oct 31 - Dec 11

\$10 late fee will be added to any registrations after December 11, based on availability

Cost: \$50

3rd boys, 3rd girls, 4th boys, 4th girls, 5th boys, 5th girls, 6th boys, 6th girls

TEAMS ARE FILLED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

REVERSIBLE BLUE/WHITE EVANS JERSEY IS REQUIRED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE RECREATION FRONT DESK FOR \$15



TEAMS PRACTICE TWICE PER WEEK BEGINNING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2023

PRACTICES WILL BE AT THE EVANS
RECREATION CENTER OR A LOCAL SCHOOL

Extreme Basketball is played through the Northern Valley Athletic Association (NVAA), which includes the towns of Eaton, Evans, Fort Lupton, Kersey, Lasalle, Platteville, and Wiggins. Games can be played at any of these sites during the season THE FIRST GAME IS JANUARY 21, 2023

GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON SATURDAYS
AT ANY OF THE NVAA LOCATIONS DURING
THE SEASON

\$20 EACH SESSION

Discount given for SilverSneakers or Renew Active Members



Tai Chi Chih is a gentle-moving meditation that brings balance, peace and joy to life. The purpose of Tai Chi Chih is to balance and circulate the natural energy, or "chi" of the body. The movements are easy to learn and can by done by anyone regardless of age or physical condition.





November 1 - 22



FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE



POUND FITNESS

TUESDAY

5:30 - 6:15 PM

SESSION DATES

OCTOBER 11 - NOVEMBER 15 NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 27

S30 PER SESSION

ZUMBAWEDNESDAY 6:00 - 7:00 PM

SESSION DATES

OCTOBER 5 - NOVEMBER 9 NOVEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 21



MORE INFO

970-475-1125 WWW.EVANSCOLORADO.GOV/RECREATION

Evans Recreation Center

WE'RE OPEN

Monday - Thursday 6:00 am to 8:00 pm Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

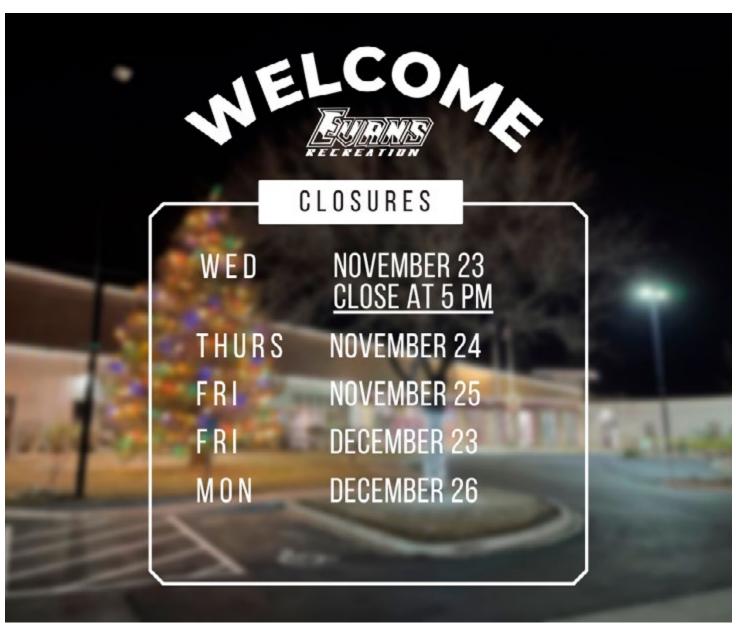


Basketball Court Closures

Monday 9:00 - 11:15 am, 4:30 - 8:00 pm Tuesday 8:15 - 10:30 am, 4:30 - 8:00 pm Wednesday 8:00 - 11:15 am, 4:30 - 8:00 pm Thursday 8:15 - 10:30 am, 4:30 - 8:00 pm

Friday 9:00 to 11:15 am

Effective March 1, 2022







EVANS SENIORS



Friendly Fork Senior Nutrition Program

- Tuesdays and Fridays
- Lunch is served at 11 am for dine-in service and 11:30 am for to-go meals
- Reservations must be made by 9 am the day before lunch by calling 970-475-1132.

Senior lunches are provided by the Weld County Senior Nutrition Program and are offered to those who are aged 60 or older OR who has a spouse 60 or older. There is a \$4 suggested donation for meals for those who meet the age requirements. Guests who do not meet the requirements, must pay \$14 guest fee.

Bingo

Bingo is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month immediately following senior lunch. Free to participate but donations are gladly accepted.



1100 37th St. Evans, 80620 970-475-1125

SECULER ACTIVE ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

MONDAY

9:15-10:00 am CardioFit

10:15-11:00 am Yoga

TUESDAY

8:30-9:15 am Classic

9:30-10:30 am Circuit

10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi Chih

WEDNESDAY

8:15-9:00 am Classic

9:15-10:00 am CardioFit

10:15-11:00 am Yoga

THURSDAY

8:30-9:15 am Classic

9:30-10:30 am Circuit

FRIDAY

9:15-10:00 am CardioFit

10:15-11:00 am Yoga

10:15-11:00 am Stability (Dance Studio)

NOTES

All classes are FREE for SilverSneakers and RenewActive members. For all others, we have Senior Fitness Punch Passes available:

15 classes for \$35 or 30 classes for \$68.

Session dates are ongoing.

Second Center ACTIVE ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

CARDIOFIT

Try a safe and hearthealthy aerobics class to energize your active lifestyle using low-impact movements that focus specifically on building upper-body and core strength plus core endurance. This is a higher intensity class.

YOGA

Move through seated and standing yoga poses designed to increase flexibility, balance and range of movement.

CLASSIC

Designed to increase muscle strength, range of movement and improve activities for daily living. A chair is used for seated exercises and standing support and class can be modified depending on fitness levels.

CIRCUIT

The Circuit workout offers standing, low-impact choreography alternated with standing upper-body strength work with hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and a ball.

STABILITY

The movements focus on specific exercises to improve strength and power around the ankle, knee and hip joints, while improving your reaction time. This class is designed for fall prevention and is suitable for nearly every fitness level.

TAI CHI CHIH

Tai Chi Chih is a gentle moving meditation that brings balance, peace and joy to life. The purpose of Tai Chi Chih is to balance and circulate the natural energy of the body.

City of Evans Contact Info

Emergency Services	911	3
After Hours Non-Emergency	(970) 356-1212	8
Building Inspections	(970) 674-1036	
Building Permits	(970) 475-1120	3
Business Licenses	(970) 475-1109	3
City Clerk	(970) 475-1104	3
City Council	(970) 475-1104	3
City Managers Office	(970) 475-1108	3
Code Enforcement	(970) 475-1115	3
Community Development	(970) 475-2228	
Court	(970) 475-1123	3
Economic Development	(970) 475-1112	3
Employment	(970) 475-1161	3
Engineering/Mapping	(970) 475-1169	
Evans Cemetery	(970) 475-1104	3
Fire Prevention/Reports	(970) 339-3920	
General Information	(970) 475-1170	3
Police Department	(970) 339-2441	3
Pothole Hotline	(970) 475-1188	
Recreation Programs	(970) 475-1125	3
Senior Programs	(970) 475-1129	
Stormwater Hotline	(970) 475-1188	
Water and Sewer Billing	(970) 475-1170	3
Planning and Zoning	(970) 475-1167	
Nieghborhood Services	(970) 475-1115	

Local Agencies

Evans Area Chamber of Commerce	(970) 330-4204	3
Small Business Development Center	(970) 351-4274	
Upstate Colorado	(970) 356-4565	3
Greeley/Evans School District	(970) 348-6000	3
Weld County	(970) 356-4000	3
Water and Sewer Emergencies	(970) 475-1170	
Water Conservation	(970) 475-1186	

City Schedule

All meetings held at The City of Evans Community Complex 1100 37th Street, Evans, Colorado, unless otherwise noted. Call (970) 475-1170 for more information.

Find agendas, minutes and packets online by clicking on the icon below.

www.evanscolorado.gov/citycouncil



Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- City Council Work Sessions First and Third Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
- City Council Meetings First and Third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
 - Planning Commission Fourth Tuesday at 6:00 pm
 - Water and Sewer Board Third Thursday at 3:30 pm
- SBDC Small Business Counseling Every Wednesday beginning at 9:00 am Riverside Library and Cultural Center
- Evans Fire District Board of Directors
 Fourth Monday of each month

